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Note by the Secretary-General

Summary

The Commission has before it, for its consideration, a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011 for Subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs. The Commission is invited to review the proposed strategic framework and to provide its comments. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.

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1. The proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011 for subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, is as follows:

Subprogramme 3: Social policy and development

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen international cooperation, raise awareness about the importance of social development and enhance national capacity, with particular attention to poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration, especially with due regard to issues relating to older persons, persons with disabilities, family, youth and indigenous peoples.

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(a) International debate and agreements facilitated on major social development issues on the agendas of the United Nations intergovernmental processes	(a) (i) Percentage of proposed recommendations used in the formulation of resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions (ii) Increased number of programmes in the United Nations system devoted to social development issues
(b) Strengthening of the capacity of Member States and of civil society to develop and implement social programmes and policies	(b) (i) Increased number of national personnel trained to implement social policies at the national and community levels (ii) Increased number of social policy measures taken by countries to promote poverty eradication, employment generation, social protection, social spending and social integration
(c) Better understanding and awareness by Governments, civil society and the private sector of issues of social development	(c) (i) Improved and timely access to United Nations research and analysis information (ii) Increased number of multi-stakeholder events on issues relating to social development

Strategy

2. The Division for Social Policy and Development is responsible for Subprogramme 3. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting greater awareness of and supporting the integrated follow-up to and the implementation, within the overall orientation provided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, of the commitments agreed upon at relevant United Nations conferences and summits, especially the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the mandates and recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

and the major international action plans, in particular the International Plan of Action on Ageing, as well as other programmes of action, notably on persons with disabilities and youth, and mandates contained in General Assembly resolutions, such as those related to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, with emphasis on greater integration of social and economic concerns and objectives in policymaking;

(b) Strengthening research and analysis, improving, rationalizing and streamlining existing methods of work and facilitating the involvement of civil society in intergovernmental processes with a view, inter alia, to enhancing effective functioning of intergovernmental and expert bodies, including the work of the Commission for Social Development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(c) Advocating and promoting understanding of and support for emerging issues in social development through research, analysis and reporting on policy options in close collaboration and coordination with other United Nations entities to achieve social development in order to present evidence-based policy recommendations to Member States;

(d) Providing technical advisory services at the regional and national levels through training and capacity-building;

(e) Raising civil society awareness and facilitating civil society support for the work of the United Nations on social development.